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CLAIMS:

- 1. A composition for topical application to the scalp comprising
- (i) an anti-dandruff agent;
- (ii) conjugated linoleic acid; and
- (iii) a cosmetically acceptable diluent or carrier.
- 2. A composition as claimed in Claim 1, which is a shampoo.
- 3. A composition as claimed in Claim 1, which is a lotion or cream for direct application to the scalp.
- 4. A composition as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the anti-dandruff agent is selected from metal pyrithiones, climbazole, ketoconazole and octopirox.
- 5. A composition as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the antidandruff agent is zinc pyrithione.
- 6. A composition as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the anti-dandruff agent is present in an amount of from 0.1% to 5% by weight.
- 7. A composition as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 6, wherein the conjugated linoleic acid is present in an amount of from 0.001% to 5% by weight.

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- 8. A system for treating dandruff comprising: a first component comprising an anti-dandruff agent; and a second component comprising conjugated linoleic acid, wherein said first component and said second component are for topical application to the scalp and are in separate compartments within said system.
- 9. A method of treating and/or preventing dandruff which comprises applying to the scalp a composition of any one of Claims 1 to 7 or a system of Claim 8.
- 10. The use of a synergistic combination of an antidandruff agent and conjugated linoleic acid in the manufacture of a composition for treating and/or preventing dandruff.
- 11. A method of treating and/or preventing scalp itch which comprises applying to the scalp a composition of any one of Claims 1 to 7 or a system of Claim 8.
- 12. The use of a synergistic combination of an antidandruff agent and conjugated linoleic acid in the manufacture of a composition for treating and/or preventing scalp itch.